

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/030,011	BISSLER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed January 23, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,8,9 and 15-28, now renumbered claims 1-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 June 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In each of claim 1, line 22; claim 15, line 11; claim 17, line 20; claim 21, line 13 and claim 22, line 26 "based on" has been replaced with --having--.

In the Specification: on page 1 --This application is a 371 of PCT/US00/11620, filed 04/23/2000 and claims the benefit of provisional application 60/131,955, filed 04/30/1999. — has been inserted after immediately below the Title and in line 4 of text "an \_\_\_\_\_" has been deleted; and at each of page 51, line 21; page 52, line 21; page 53, line 11 and page 54, line 2 "(9.332 and 12.666kPa)" has been deleted.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Allen on March 2, 2004.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claims 1, 15, 17 and 22 are considered to distinguish over the applied prior art of record and over newly cited Roehrer et al patent 6,423,022 in view of respective recitations "...fuzzy logic having at least one supervisory rule". Patent '022 teaches controlling of a blood pump in a hemofiltration circuit with a master controller controlling the pump using data from an ultrafiltration rate sensor and parameters of a patient being treated, the controller utilizing fuzzy logic; however, '022 does not suggest use of any supervisory rule.

Independent claims 16, 18 and 20 are considered to distinguish over the same prior art in view of respective limitations "set of controller parameters from the flow rate signals for correcting time-dependent deviations of the flow rate from the predetermined flow rate".

The change made to claims 1, 15, 17, 21 and 22 was made for purposes of 112@2 and is supported by text of the instant Specification at page 37, lines 5-8.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Drodge at telephone number 571-272-1140. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda Walker, can be reached at 571-272-1151. The fax phone number for the examining group where this application is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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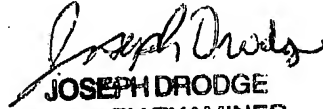
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